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Dear Representative,

I am very concerned that there is an effort to stifle the innovations of satellite broadcast services. I am equally as concerned for the interest of each of the services (XM, Sirius and On-Star). These services representative the next advance in broadcast services that can use their allocated bandwidth and advances in technology to provide rich personalized content that will better consumers and improve efficiencies. These digital broadcast services are capable of providing rich functionality that cannot be equaled on standard AM/FM broadcast bands.

Moreover, Satellite radio service can provide advancements for the national defense radio service. Satellite radio can provide richer locally oriented information with better coverage than all combined AM and FM broadcast radio services. One could argue that satellite radio services provide a much more reliable outlet for emergency broadcasts because the transmitting stations are not in the affected areas and do not rely on distributed electricity and/or limited backup power facilities.

I implore you to let the innovations brought forth by satellite technology to expand to better serve the needs of your represented American consumer and to harness these services for use in local and national emergencies.

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